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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHIN-ICHI HASHIMOTO, ET AL.) : Examiner: Mohammad Y. Meah
Application No.: 10/590,705) : Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed: June 14, 2007) : Confirmation No. 8726
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING)
AMINO ACIDS) :
) : May 5, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated April 7, 2008 (Paper No. 20080401) in the above-identified application, as follows.